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Chairman Julius Genachowski
Commissioner Michael J. Copps
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn

Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: WT Docket 11-65

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FCC Mail Room

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

As Governor of a very economically and socially diverse state such as Georgia, I urge you to support AT&T's acquisition of T-Mobile USA. If approved, this acquisition will benefit many Americans and the state of Georgia, which is home to AT&T Mobility. From urban to rural areas, businesses and workers, minorities and our children all stand to gain by combining these two networks and helping to connect our citizens to the latest technology.

The communications industry has changed drastically over the past twenty years. Being able to connect to the global world is no longer a luxury but a necessity for our businesses and consumers in Georgia and across the country. With this acquisition, 97 percent of the country will have access to 4G LTE including 55 million more Americans who would not otherwise have seen the benefits of having next-generation mobile broadband.

This access to 4G LTE technology will help encourage innovation and create new jobs and economic growth in my state. With it, our local businesses can compete with a global marketplace, our schools will have greater resources to educate our children, and doctors will be able to connect to more patients, among many other advantages. It's important that we ensure that our wireless networks are fast and reliable to promote these technologies and help businesses thrive.

Again, I hope you will support AT&T's acquisition of T-Mobile USA. Georgia and our entire country stand to benefit from these two companies coming together to provide affordable next-generation wireless technology to more Americans.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Nathan Deal